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## **Notice Concerning Development of GENNIKUN—Lightweight Technology An Innovative Solution to Cruising Distance and Cost in the Era of Electrification**

Yorozu Corporation hereby announces that it has successfully completed the development of GENNIKUN, a new and innovative solution to reducing vehicle weight and cost at the same time.

GENNIKUN is a technology that enables production of steel sheets with varying thicknesses, similar to our unique tailored blanking method. However, the GENNIKUN accomplishes this solely through press work. To be more specific, this new technology allows us to utilize the large transfer presses installed at our production sites, where the steel sheets are stretched and thinned to achieve a single sheet with varying thicknesses.

The tailored blanking method involves an extra process of welding multiple steel sheets, each with different thicknesses. However, with the new GENNIKUN, the difference in thickness can be achieved on a single sheet only by stamping, contributing to a significant increase in productivity. This sheet-thinning technology also achieves 10% weight reduction compared with conventional products, ultimately contributing to lower CO2 emissions.

### Contribution to the electric vehicle (EV) market

GENNIKUN contributes to EVs in the following way.

- (1) Longer cruising distance: Lighter vehicle body reduces consumption of electricity, resulting in improved cruising distance for EVs
- (2) Lower car price: Fewer number of parts, lower manufacturing costs, and less material required as a result of stretching the material. All these factors enhance the price competitiveness of EVs.

Our innovative GENNIKUN is currently in the collaborative development phase with several automakers.

We are committed to contributing to automakers' development of environmentally friendly and low-cost vehicles by making proactive proposals and facilitating their integration across a diverse range of products.

To become the "first-choice company" for all stakeholders, we strive to enhance the corporate value continuously.

Additionally, it is noteworthy that the GENNIKUN was showcased at our exhibit during the Japan Mobility Show 2025.

